



BRADGATE
Education Partnership

9th March 2022

Letter re closure of Roundhill Swimming Pool

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to advise you that we have today announced that the decision has been taken to close The Roundhill Academy's swimming pool facility as from the end of the Spring Term 2022, and the pool will close on Thursday 14th April. Other than some timetabled lessons in the Autumn and Spring terms for Year 7 and 8 pupils, the majority of Roundhill's pupils no longer use the 15m pool facility which is now very outdated.

We have kept the swimming pool open for some years, primarily for the benefit of the local community, but despite having increased the hourly rental price last year, the Bradgate Education Partnership is still subsidising this facility to the tune of around £5,000 per year. The ongoing capital expenditure (currently and into the future) means the swimming pool has become unviable and unsustainable for us to continue to operate.

We must make decisions that ensure our budget is spent benefiting the 840 children who attend The Roundhill Academy. As you are aware, the Covid pandemic exposed the lack of outdoor covered space available for your children and after much consideration, we have decided to utilise the footprint of the swimming pool to create a covered outdoor area which will benefit them all.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly, but there are several alternative more modern pool facilities locally for the community and we have met with community organisations which make use of the swimming pool to explain the situation to them in person.

Yours sincerely

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